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TELL THE TRUTH—HURT WHOM IT MAY

There are a certain lot of croakers and grafters in Yuma who are never content except when they are trying to be-little the honest efforts made by the editor of this paper in fighting for the best interests of the city of Yuma, the county of Yuma and Yuma Project. Their whole stock in trade consists wholly in trying to 'get the dollar,' no matter how disreputably.

It is to this class of cattle that I make this reply, with the hope that it will be plain enough for even a blind man to read, and with the additional hope that some day after I have surrendered the editor-ownership of this paper that the people of this section will see that they will be gouged to death by these same cormorants.

Since my sojourn in Yuma I have devoted my entire time and best energies to upbuilding this community. At no time have I ever thought of self-interests. Had this latter motive impelled me there is no question but what my bank account would be very much larger than it is at the present time. Whatever I have done or said has been done or said on my own initiative, without consultation with any one and often in opposition to those whose advice I most esteem. But I have my own notion about public affairs. I have my own ideas about what is best for the community in which I reside. My actions here are but a replica of what they have been wherever I have lived. I am ashamed of nothing that has appeared in the columns of this paper. I would say it all over again if occasion presented itself. I am not a "grafter," nor is space for sale in this paper to attack anyone. If there is anything of that kind to be done I will do it myself, not for so much per line, as others do, but do it because I am not afraid to tell the truth, let it hurt whom it may.

I don't like to brag about myself, nor to boast of what I have done, but it seems meet and proper that a few words along these lines may set a certain lot of maligners to thinking honestly, which I admit will be a rather hard thing for them to do at any time.

Let's go back to the record and see what the editor of this paper has done since he came to Yuma, three summers ago—First, because of the chaotic condition then prevailing on the project I made up my mind that it was a positive detriment to the project for things to drift along as they were drifting. without fear or favor I "turned the project upside down," with the result that great changes were brought about, greatly to the benefit of all the people, and while some few of the Reclamation officials got "sore" yet I have the satisfaction of knowing that I thought I was doing right, and today they are all my personal friends. The project is now in better shape than ever before.

I fought "Ordinance No. 4" with all my power and hoped that at some time it would be repealed, at least that disgraceful part of it that exacts a fee from the fallen women of the city, so much per month. This law is still in existence, and this is the only city on the American continent that has such a disgrace.

Single-handed and alone I fought the Imperial Valley grafters until they were all kicked out of power.

I fought the Southern Pacific Railway for its lack of depot facilities until now I have every assurance that the actual plans are ready for a new depot and a discontinuance of switching on the main streets of the city.

I have fought the idea of the water users bringing suit against the government in protest of the payment of \$75 per acre. The suit has not yet been brought, but probably will be, and will result in the people of the valley being bled to the tune of \$25,000 for no good whatever.

Single-handed and alone I fought the injunction sought against the "Warrenite" road from Yuma to Somerton. The road has long since been completed and is just as good as I claimed it would be, in fact it has literally made Somerton.

I went to Washington on behalf of the city and the project at a time when Yuma had anything but a bright future. As a result of that visit we now have the Yuma Mesa Auxiliary Law, under which the scheme to irrigate the 40,000 acres within the project is now under full sway and in all human probability the land will be sold this winter and Yuma will then grow by leaps and bounds. Incidentally I urged the appropriation of the \$14,000 obtained for recon-

structing the Gila levee, which has long since been done, and also worked for the appropriation of the \$10,000 appropriated for the Indian reservation good roads, which sum is now in Supt. Odle's hands.

I got up the "Queen of Yuma Project" moving pictures, which have been shown to millions of people all over America and Canada, and has brought forth more favorable comment to Yuma than all other agencies combined.

I have made more trips over Yuma project than any man in Yuma county not officially connected with the project, and as a result I have been able at all time to give accurate information as to what was being done and what would be done to better project affairs.

I have at all times and under all circumstances taken a crack at grafting and grafters, just as I will continue to do as long as I live. And all of these things have been done without hope of reward, without the payment of a single dollar, without charging a single cent for anything that has been printed in my paper or under my name.

But I am growing tired and disgusted. When a bunch of grafters can gull the people to the extent they are now being gulled, then it is time for me to cease spending sleepless nights over what Yuma will be when these grafters get her by the throat.

WHO CAN FILL BILL

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nity together and impress upon them the needs of these people, and how much their cooperation will do toward the upbuilding of their community, as well as the great assistance they will be giving to their country.

There may be uncultivated land in your community which some one would be glad to have cultivated, allowing the tenant the first year's crop, etc., and assist him in every way possible. A group of eight or nine farmers could combine and make it their business to help this family until they are established.

We do not want you to accept this as a begging letter. we know you are anxious to do all in your power to assist in this great work, so we submit this suggestion to you for you to act upon.

Thanking you for your very kind cooperation in the past, and if you can suggest any better way to place our married applicants, we certainly would appreciate hearing from you, at once.

Very truly yours,
THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS,
L. J. BONGHNER,
Farm Labor Recruiting Station.

We are very anxious to gain as much information as possible regarding the harvest season in your state. Will you kindly give us all information you can about when the harvest season will open, the amount of help you will want, the salary per day, together with all other information which you know we will require in order to handle this work efficiently from Chicago.

We have many people listed now who are strong and anxious to do work. We expect to have a greater number—enough, we hope, to meet almost the entire demand, therefore, we need this information at this time.

We would greatly appreciate receiving the names and addresses of employers, so that our cooperation will be as direct as we can make it to obtain results.

Very cordially,
The CHICAGO DAILY NEWS,
Farm Labor Recruiting Station.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
State House
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the good name of our State, I am pleased to extend to you my most sincere gratitude for the able service you volunteered, that Arizona should not be outdone by any state of the Union on Registration Day.

I am exceedingly proud of Arizona and the people who have made such a patriotic showing possible. They have given their heads, hearts and hands to the great task of forwarding our country's cause in the interest of humanity.

Your part in making Registration Day in Arizona a signal success will long linger in the hearts of those whose love of country is ever uppermost. I am,

Yours sincerely,
THOMAS E. CAMPBELL,
Governor of Arizona.

Editor of Arizona Sentinel,
Yuma, Arizona.

SOME WOOD STORY

The Needles correspondent of the San Bernardino Sun says: "Scattered along the banks of the is not my purpose toer,ohfkaeatOss river for a distance of over two miles, the Indians have gathered from the waters nearly a million cords of drift wood, which they will use themselves and sell to the white residents the coming winter."

A million cords of wood is some wood, and Needles must have all of the Indians in the west engaged in the wood business. And this was gathered in about three days. Some warkers are the Needles Indians, or the Needles correspondent is some liar.—Parker Post.

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